



March 9, 2010

Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson
United State Senate
Nebraska

Regarding: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship Application

Dear Senator Nelson:

I would like to endorse the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship's application for funding through the Congressional Request Process in support of additional community Entrepreneur Coaching Projects in Nebraska. There is significant interest and demand for economic development. Based on our experience we believe the Center's program offers great promise for helping communities better support entrepreneurs as a way to create jobs and grow their economy.

Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council is a three-county economic development organization in Northeast Nebraska serving Madison, Pierce, and Stanton counties. We are currently a part of the Entrepreneur Coaching Project and strongly support this program.

Please consider providing additional support to this very worthwhile effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Simonsen".

David Simonsen
Executive Director